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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

NEWSFLASH
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Year One

Year One children had a super afternoon on Monday when Mrs Swinscoe, their new teacher from January, came to visit and teach for the afternoon. This is a great way for Mrs Swinscoe to meet the children and to meet the parents the end of the day to find out about their learning styles, approaches and behaviours for learning allowing a smooth transition towards teaching full time from January, whilst Mrs Givens and Mrs Lightfoot are on maternity leave. Mrs Preston has been working tirelessly with Miss McGregor to ensure as much stability as possible until the end of term. Mrs Swinscoe will be back to teach the Year One children for three full days from Monday 17th to Wednesday 19th December. She will be available after school each day for half an hour, so please do pop in and say hello to Mrs Swinscoe, who is very much looking forward to working with all the children and collaboratively with the parents. Thank you for your understanding during these weeks, as Mrs Givens unexpectedly needed to leave the classroom slightly earlier than planned.

Year Four Class Assembly

Well done to all of Year Four for an amazing Anglo Saxon assembly this week. You have learnt an awful lot, through your themed learning, singing and English Journeys. Thank you for your hard work and presentation skills to your audience.

Year Five and Year Six visit to London

Year Five and Year Six were a credit to themselves, their school and family on Thursday on their visit to London. The children went to the Imperial War Museum and British Museum to support their learning in relation to their themed unit of work. Year 6 had a fun-filled day of World War 2 learning and found out what it would have been like to have lived during the war. They saw a range of exhibits, which gave more hands on experience as a follow on to information they had learnt in class: the cause of the war, rationing, vehicles, weapons, evacuation etc. The children had some fantastic questions and shared their knowledge with each other throughout the trip. All in all, an incredible opportunity and a great experience for the class. Year 5 headed to the British Museum to learn more about the Ancient Greeks. The children explored the statues and Parthenon friezes and enjoyed looking and a variety of ancient Greeks pottery.

Choir Singing at Morrisons

The choir club went to Morrisons with Mrs England-Cross and members of the PTA on Wednesday after school. Despite the extensive building works and a different position in the store from last year for their singing, the children performed really, really well. Their beautiful voices could be heard resonating the aisles and there were many comments about the children's confidence and musical ability. Whilst enjoying the singing the children managed to raise £108 for the PTA funds. Well done and thank you, to each and every child involved. Thank you for wanting to support the schools fundraising efforts – we are proud of you all.

Strings concert

A HUGE well done to all the strings players who are practising hard on their cellos and violas this week. Your confidence has grown tremendously over the last two terms. I know many of you have really enjoyed the experience of learning to play a string instrument and play together as a group. If anyone in KS2 is interested in



learning a stringed instrument please register your interest at the school office. Thank you. Please come along to their concert at 2:25pm on Wednesday 12th December.

Star of the Week

Stars of the week will return after the Christmas break, as we have a couple of busy weeks ahead of us, especially on a Monday morning. We are also using our whole school time to work collectively on our Christingle to avoid using valuable learning time in lessons. We look forward to welcoming you back in school for stars of the week from Monday 14th January. But before that – welcoming you to the many events we have coming up in the next couple of weeks.

MUFTI DAY thanks today ☺

Many thanks for all your very kind, generous donations today for the school tombola stalls. Reception class and Key Stage One brought in lots of chocolate for the chocolate tombola and we had a variety of gifts for the toiletries and gifts tombola from KS2. Your ongoing support and generosity really does go towards benefitting each and every child at the school.

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Party

Today was the final day for orders for Christmas lunch and School Party lunch next week. We cannot take orders on the day, as we have to buy in specific ingredients for both occasions. Therefore, this is one final opportunity, if you have forgotten and would like your child to have either the Christmas dinner roast dinner lunch, or the school party lunch please come to the office by 9:30am on Monday 10th December.



PTA Film Night

Next Thursday, the PTA are holding a film night in the school hall from 3pm until 5pm. They will be showing the film, The Littlest Reindeer, which is a PG rated film. Therefore attendance at the event and paying via school money means you are happy for your child to watch this film under adult supervision. The children can stay at school and be collected at 5pm. The cost of film night is £3.50 per child, payable via school money by the very latest Tuesday. This cost includes a drink, crisps, popcorn and sweets.



How did Beegu get home?

Year One children have worked really, really hard in their learning journey this week and last. I have had a steady flow of children to see me with their wonderful postcards – showing off the super phonic and writing skills as well as amazing homework – making a rocket for Beegu. The rockets were many different sizes, shapes, and colours. Some were shiny, some were sparkly and some were made with fabric. Beegu will certainly not know which rocket to travel in! Fantastic work Year One superstars!

Clubs

This is the final week of clubs for the term. We hope you have enjoyed the clubs and look forward to more clubs in the Spring Term. The following clubs are affected this coming week:

Day	Club	
Thursday	UKS2 Engineering Club (Y5&6)	Changed to Wednesday this week.
Thursday	Boys Football	Football club has now finished for the term.



Shift It – Active Travel Award

Gatten and Lake Primary School were presented with the 'Shift-it Active Travel Silver Award' last week by Nicky Metcalfe. The award recognises the work, the school are doing to promote children being more active in

Excellence for each child, each day

the way they are travelling to school and making healthier lifestyle choices with regards to physical activity.

Osborne House – Christmas Events

Volunteers at Osborne are running two days of Christmas Craft activities for families over this coming weekend 8th and 9th December. 10.30am to 3.30pm both days. Come and make Victorian paper decorations, table centres, nightlight lanterns and more. No extra charge for crafts.

Also on Fridays throughout December Osborne will be welcoming local school choirs who will be filling the house with festive music. For both of these events there are no extra charges but normal admissions prices apply which includes access to the House decorated for Christmas. As normal, English Heritage members have free entry. We are planning family activity weekends once a month throughout next year so membership may be something families wish to look into as a good option.

School Menu for this week:

School meals cost **£1.95** a day or **£9.75** a week. All payments for meals from Y3 to Y6 via school money please. All children in Reception, Year One and Year Two are entitled to a free school meal every day.

Day	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Monday	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce, Rice, Coleslaw & Sweetcorn	Vegetable Lasagne & Jacket Wedges, Coleslaw & Sweetcorn	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise.
	Dessert: Eves Pudding with Custard/ Yoghurt / Fruit Platter		
Tuesday	Chicken and Broccoli Pasta Bake, Peas & Carrots	Quorn Mince Bolognese with Spaghetti, Peas & Carrots	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise.
	Dessert: Pineapple Loaf/ Yoghurt / Fruit Chucks		
Wednesday	Spaghetti Beef Bolognese, Roasted Mixed Vegetables	Chickpea Curry with Rice, Roasted Mixed Vegetables	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise.
	Dessert: Oaty Peach Crumble with Custard/ Yoghurt / Fruit Platter		
Thursday	MSC Fish Fingers, Chips, Baked Beans & Garden Peas	Cheese & Tomato Quiche, Chips, Baked Beans & Garden Peas	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise.
	Dessert: Fruit Yoghurt / Fruit Station		
Friday	PRE-BOOKED CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY – orders due in on Friday 7th December No other meals catered for on this day.		

The post workers have been busy this week, delivering Christmas cards to the classes. The tricky deliveries have been those without a Year group on them or the initial letter of the surname. Please try to help the post workers out! Thank you.

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

Rebecca Day, Headteacher

Dates for the Diary –

Week 7	
Tuesday 11 th December	Y5 Class Assembly – all welcome. 9am in the school hall
Wednesday 12 th December	Music concert in the hall at 2:15pm – children playing violas and cellos will be performing. Please come along if you can.
Thursday 13 th December	PTA Film Night – The littlest Reindeer - £3.50 per child – 3-5pm
Friday 14 th December	Y5 Science Experience at The Bay Secondary Site – please drop off at the secondary school at 8:45am and we will transport the children back to school for lunch
Friday 14 th December	Christmas Jumper day - £1 for charity. Please wear a Christmas jumper over your uniform if you would like to participate in this charity event.
Friday 14 th December	School Christmas Dinner Day – separate letter has been sent out to be completed and returned no later than 7 th December
Week 8	
Monday 17 th December	Children to walk to the St.Saviours Church for a Christingle rehearsal
Monday 17 th December	St.Saviours Church Christingle Service – 5pm
Tuesday 18 th December	Class Party afternoon
Wednesday 19 th December	Christmas Fair from 2pm in the hall
Thursday 20 th December	Present / gift exchange
Friday 21 st December	Vintage Cinema
Friday 21 st December	School closes at the end of the day today for the Christmas Break
Monday 7 th January	First day back at school – Welcome back everyone from 8:35am or 8am for breakfast club

